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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted
 i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed
 i. Amendment/Reply Under Rule 114
 ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 iv. Other _____

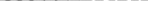
2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
 b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

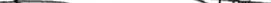
a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 16-1445
 i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 iii. Other Fees as may be required, including fees for newly added
 b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed claims 54-66
 c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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